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S/N 09/464,158

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Erling Sundrehagen Examiner: Ja-Na Hines
Serial No.: 09/464,158 Group Art Unit: 1645
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Title: ASSAY FOR CARBOHYDRATE-FREE TRANSFERRIN

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**AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on September 4, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 1, 2002 to December 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1, 3-12, and addition of new claims 13-17. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please amend the claims as follows: